

CENTER SCENE



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A FIRM Foundation

A new automated system is entering the world of real property management. Called Foundation Information for Real Property Management (FIRM), the new system will contain information on land, buildings, and other structures and facilities.

The FIRM System was recently developed for GSA by American Management Systems. It is still in the pilot phase; the Service Center is the only test site outside the Washington, D.C., area. The system should be fully implemented in another couple of months.

The computer program is currently on a mainframe in the Washington area. Real property records are entered into the system, which can then be used to track costs and other data.

Pat Roenfeldt, a Property Management Assistant, will be in charge of the FIRM System as it comes on line. Pat joined the Branch of Real Property (D-555) just a couple of weeks ago and looks forward to her new responsibilities.

"The system is so new that we really don't know everything it can do yet," notes Gery Behr, Chief, Branch of Real Property. However, several benefits are already apparent.

First, the automated system will reduce paper records and eliminate the need to handwrite as many as 1,500 GSA 1166 forms each year. This, in turn, will free up Pat to assist the field with problems or questions and to verify and correct data.

The FIRM System might also be used to accomplish the annual Bureauwide real property inventory. Field offices would thus be relieved of the burden of typing inventory information on an annual basis.

New Editor

Because of other duties, Sheri Bell no longer edits the *Center Scene*. As the first editor, she deserves applause for getting the publication underway.

Bill Griffith, the new editor, or Bob Woerner, co-editor, can be reached on 6-0198 or 6-6637. Suggestions or comments are appreciated.

New Faces, Old Places



Front row: Linda Sedbrook, Donna Henry, Barbara Guest. Back row: Rosemary Ravenscroft, Johnnye Toney, Joyce Golos.

Since May 1987, seven new employees have come to the Personnel Office. Let's meet them.

Rosemary Ravenscroft joined the staff May 10 as a Personnel Staffing Specialist. Rosemary previously worked at Western Area Power Administration; Bureau of Reclamation; Department of the Air Force Finance Center, Lowry; and Department of the Navy, Norfolk, Virginia, and Key West, Florida. She specializes in the staffing and merit promotion programs.

Deb Price joined us on June 22 as a Personnel Staffing and Employee Relations Specialist. She came to us from Food and Nutrition in Denver. Deb can be contacted regarding performance appraisal, labor relations, or grievances. **Barb Guest** started on June 22 as a Clerk Typist and became Division Secretary on November 9. Barb previously worked in the private sector and for the Department of the Army in the South Pacific.

Linda Sedbrook joined the staff in the Classification Section on September 8. She had previously worked at Lowry AFB

Personnel; GSA; and Department of the Navy, Pentagon. Questions related to classification should be directed to her. **Donna Henry** came to us on December 6 as a Clerk Typist/Personnel Clerk. She had worked part-time with the Park Service; USGS in Virginia; BLM Branch of Procurement; and the Fairfax County Schools as a sign language interpreter. If someone needs an interpreter for the hearing impaired, please call the Personnel Office for scheduling.

Joyce Golos came to us on December 13 as a receptionist. Before she joined us she was the Administrative Assistant/Vice President for Jim Fagans' Landscape, Inc.

Johnnye Toney joined our office on December 21 as a Personnel Clerk in Classification. Johnnye worked for her husband in his photography studio before coming to the government.

UPCOMING EVENT

Black History Month Observance
February 24 & 25
Bldg 50 — West/Center
Changed from February 9 and 11

